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SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN DIPLOMATIC RESHUFFLE

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1. ON OCTOBER 11 FOREIGN MINISTER PEACOCK ANNOUNCED THAT AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, NICK PARKINSON, WILL REPLACE ALAN RENOUF AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS EARLY NEXT YEAR. RENOUF WILL SUCCEED PARKINSON AS AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES.

2. PEACOCK ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT JOHN MENADUE, FORMER SECRETARY OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT, WILL REPLACE MICK SHANN AS AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN. SHANN IN TURN WILL BECOME AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER TO LONDON, REPLACING SIR JOHN BUNTING, WHO IS RETURNING BECAUSE OF ILL HEALTH.

3. FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY GARY WOODARD'S APPOINTMENT AS AMBASSADOR TO THE PRC IS EXPECTED TO BE ANNOUNCED WITH-
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IN A FEW DAYS.

4. RENOUF WILL VACATE HIS POSITION AS SECRETARY OF DFA
IMMEDIATELY AND TAKE ANNUAL LEAVE UNTIL HE LEAVES FOR WASH-
INGTON. DFA DEPUTY SECRETARY PETER HENDERSON WILL ACT AS
DFA'S SECRETARY UNTIL PARKINSON RETURNS FROM WASHINGTON.
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